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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

1000 Boston Street

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a house fire at 1000 Boston Street, Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 4:49 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-three (33) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Patterson was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 5:00 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$10,000.00 building and \$3,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be faulty electrical wiring in the bedroom wall. Red Cross provided assistance for six (6) adults.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/ Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.